



State Revolving Fund Loan Programs

Drinking Water, Wastewater, Nonpoint Source

PRELIMINARY DECISION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

TO ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS, ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:

TOWN OF BROOKLYN
DRINKING WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS
PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING REPORT (PER) ADDENDUM #1
SRF Project # DW 11 02 55 01

Date: April 26, 2013

Pursuant to IC 4-4-11, the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program has determined that the project described here and in the town's PER Addendum #1 will have no substantial negative environmental impact. Therefore, the SRF is issuing a preliminary decision of Categorical Exclusion from the requirements of substantive environmental review.

How were environmental issues considered?

The National Environmental Policy Act requires agencies disbursing Federal funds to include environmental factors in the decision making process. A summary of the project is attached for your review. The SRF's preliminary review has found that the proposed project does not require the preparation of either an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement.

Why is additional environmental review not required?

Our environmental review has concluded that significant environmental impacts will not result from the proposed action.

How do I submit comments?

Comments can be submitted to:

Max Henschen, Senior Environmental Manager
SRF Programs
317-232-8623; mhensche at ifa.in.gov

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

I. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Project Name and Address: **Drinking Water System Improvements**
Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) Addendum #1
Town of Brooklyn
4 North Main Street, P.O. Box 159
Brooklyn, IN 46111

SRF Project Number: DW 11 02 55 01

Authorized Representative: Jeff Brahaum, Town Council President

II. PROJECT LOCATION

The proposed project is located in Clay Township, Morgan County, in the Mooresville East USGS 7.5' quadrangle and the Mooresville West quadrangle, T13N, R1E, section 25. Figure 1 illustrates the changes which PER Addendum #1 addresses.

III. PROJECT NEED AND PURPOSE

The State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program approved this project on March 8, 2011.

The 2011 approval included:

- Raising the existing elevated storage tank;
- Installing approximately 4,315 feet of 6-inch water main;
- Installing approximately 6,085 feet of 12-inch water main;
- Installing additional valves, hydrants, and service connections, and
- Eliminating an existing booster pump station.

Since that approval, the locations of some proposed water mains have been changed, and the town has also proposed that new Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition controls be added to the water tower and that two wells be refurbished. The quantities of proposed water mains have also changed to 5,892 feet of 6-inch water main, 2,773 feet of 8-inch water main and 4,230 feet of 12-inch water main. As in the original project, the water tower will be elevated and a booster station will be eliminated. These changes will enhance the supply, storage and distribution systems. Figure 1 illustrates the changes.

IV. ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS, AFFORDABILITY AND FUNDING

The SRF approved a project for SRF funding in 2011; funding has also been awarded by the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA). The estimated project cost is \$1,413,952 and the

requested SRF loan amount is \$913,952. Brooklyn will finance the project with a 20-year loan from the SRF program at an interest rate to be determined at the time of loan closing and with OCRA funding. Monthly user rates and charges may need to be analyzed to determine if adjustments are required for loan repayment.

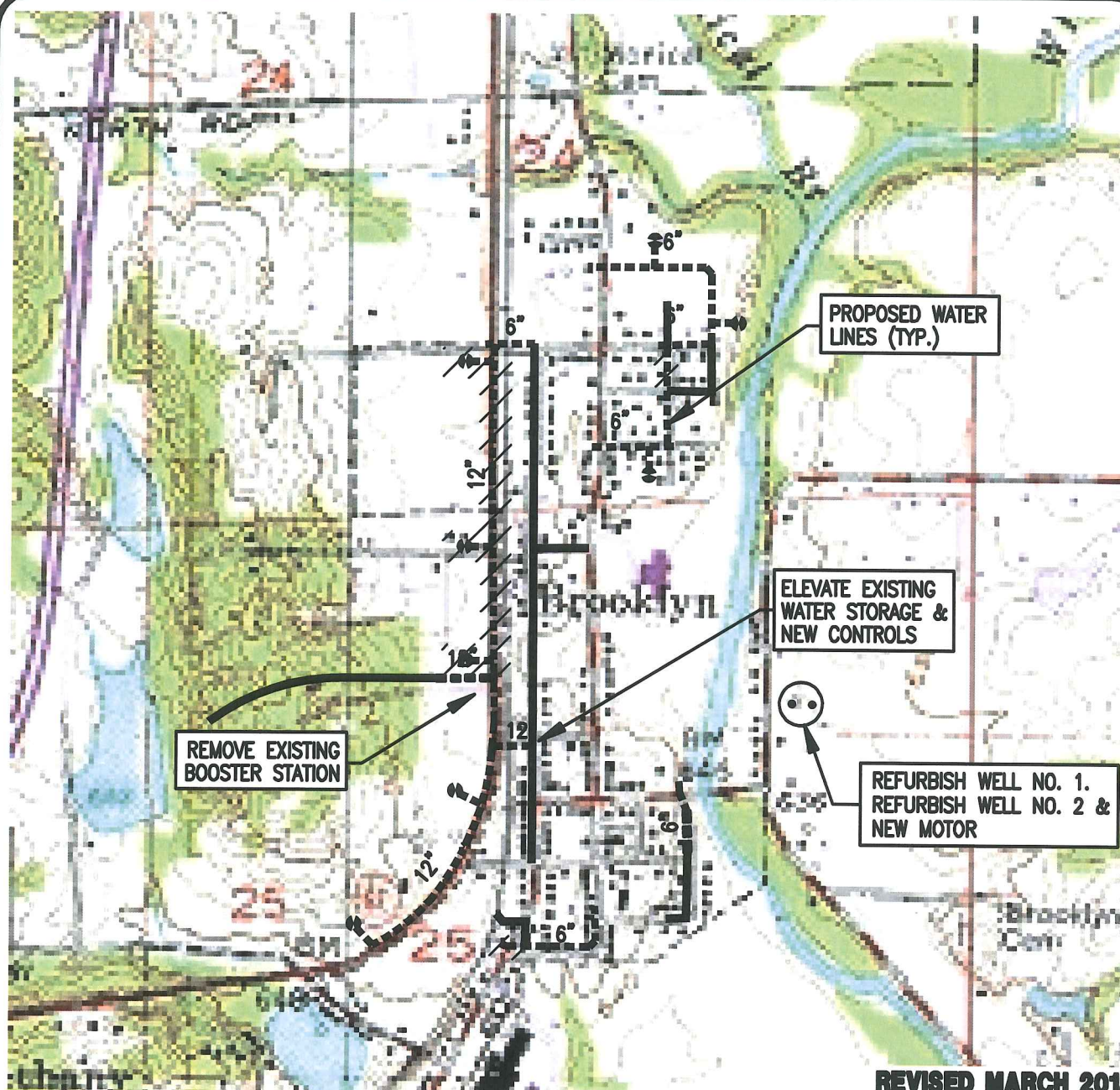
V. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THE FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVES

The project will not affect streams, wetlands, wooded areas, prime farmland, the 100-year floodplain or other sensitive environmental resources.

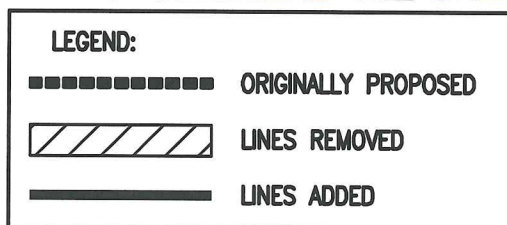
Construction and operation of the project will not alter, demolish or remove historic properties (see Figure 2). If any visual or audible impacts to historic properties occur, they will be temporary and will not alter the characteristics that qualify such properties for inclusion in or eligibility for the National Register of Historic Places. The SRF's finding pursuant to Section 106 of the Historic Preservation Act is: "no historic properties affected."

IX. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

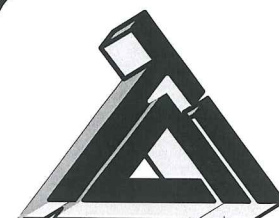
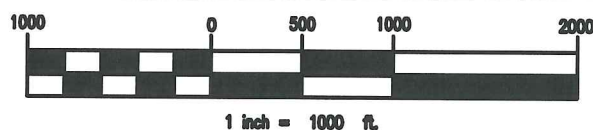
The town posted a public notice about the project changes in the Martinsville Reporter Times on April 26, 2013.



REVISED MARCH 2013



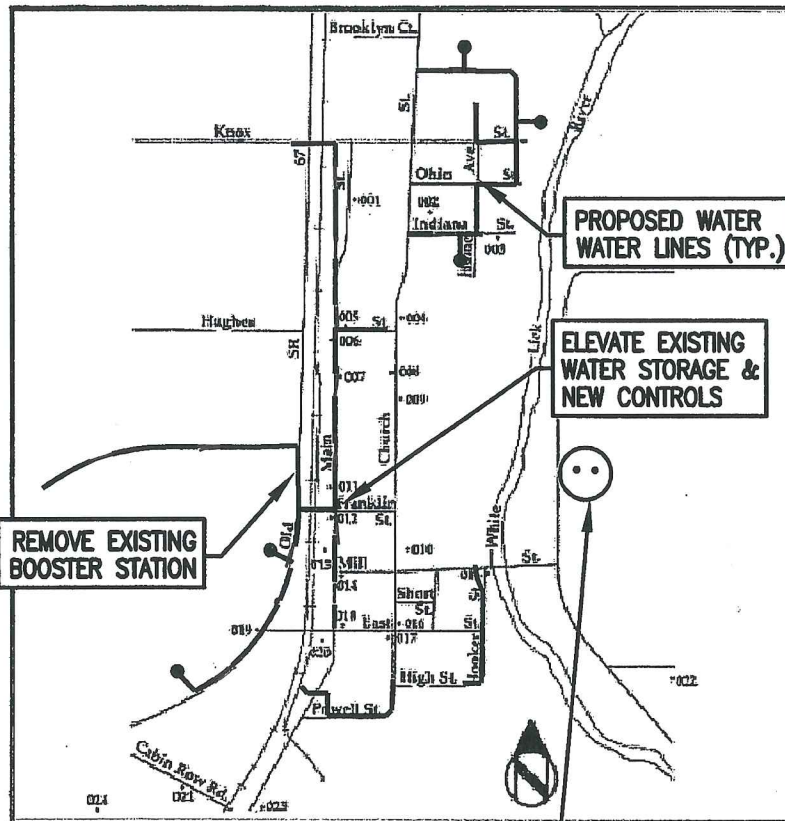
TOWN OF BROOKLYN CHANGES FROM ORIGINAL PROPOSAL



TRIAD ASSOCIATES INC.
5835 LAWTON LOOP EAST DRIVE
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46216
PHONE: 317-377-4230 FAX: 317-377-4341

FIGURE 1

Brooklyn Scattered Sites (26001-024)



In 1819 Benjamin Cuthbert constructed a mill on the east bank of the White Lick Creek. Soon after the mill was purchased by Jonathan Lyons who also established a store, a sawmill, a tannery and a distillery. During the next several decades a variety of enterprises operated in the area which developed into a pork-packing center for the county as well as being known for its distilleries.

Although there was a great deal of commercial activity in the area, a town was not formally platted until 1854 when Frank Landers, a local shopkeeper laid out the town of Brooklyn along the Indianapolis and Vincennes Railroad line. Landers' house (26019) in the town's most significant building, remaining from its formative years. The house at 106 Indiana Street (26002) is more typical of the modest homes of the period.

The coming of the railroad ushered in a period of growth for Brooklyn. A wooden mill was established as well as several saw and gristmills. The town boomed during the late nineteenth century and a variety of buildings reflected the growing community. The two commercial buildings on Main Street (26011, 26013) are typical of the small Italianate style commercial buildings found in many of the county's rural towns. The houses at 301 Main Street (26005) and 315 Mill Street (26015) are Brooklyn's most significant residences from the late nineteenth century. Both these frame homes exhibit a variety of decorative surface treatments and elaborate porches common to houses of the period.

Two historic churches also remain in Brooklyn. The Methodist Episcopal Church (26010) was completed in 1869 and dedicated the following year. This brick Gothic Revival style building now serves as an Apostolic Church. The Christian congregation had its church (26016) built in 1875. Still being used by the Church of Christ, the building has had several additions.

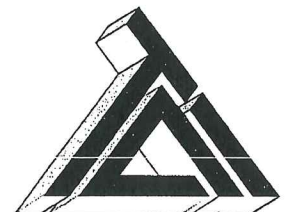
33

TOWN OF BROOKLYN INTERIM REPORT



FIGURE 2: from Morgan County Interim Report
Historic Sites and Structures Inventory

REVISED MARCH 2013



TRIAD ASSOCIATES INC.
5835 LAWTON LOOP EAST DRIVE
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46216
PHONE: 317-377-5230 FAX: 317-377-5241